

POLICE BEAT

Tactical squad called

The Halton Regional Police Force's Tactical Rescue Unit was called into Acton Friday as a result of a domestic dispute on Holmesway Place. Uniformed police were first to arrive on the scene at 1:45 and were told by family members that the head of the household was armed with a shotgun and making threats towards family members.

After trying unsuccessfully to get a response from the man, Halton's TRU team were called to the scene.

At 6:25 a.m. the man was arrested without incident and charged with pointing a firearm, unlawful storage of weapons, and weapons dangerous to the public peace.

A quantity of shotguns and rifles were seized in the incident.

Windows smashed

Approximately \$100 in damages occurred to Robert Little Public School in Acton when two plate glass windows were smashed, Friday.

Birds stolen

Total losses are estimated at \$400 after thieves broke into a pen housing pigeons last week and took three of the birds valued at \$80 each.

Several pigeons were let out of the pen area in the Cameron Street incident in Acton.

Change room heist

While people played hockey at Georgetown arena on Mill Street Thursday night a total of \$40 was taken from three separate player's belongings left in change room number two which was left unlocked.

Garage contents gone

An air hockey game, chainsaw and three ski-doo helmets were taken from a garage on Mill Street West in Acton last week. Estimated loss in the incident is \$492.

Gremlin loses window

The hatchback window from a 1976 Gremlin was removed while the vehicle was in the parking lot of Jim's Steering Service Limited on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown last week.

The hatchback window is valued at approximately \$200 and was taken sometime last week.

Car stereo swiped

A Pioneer AM-FM cassette stereo with an estimated value of \$500 was taken from a 1979 Bobcat while parked on Arletta Street in Georgetown last Wednesday.

About \$150 in damages were sustained to the vehicle in gaining access to the stereo.

Sterling silver thieves

No monetary value has been estimated in the theft of a set of sterling silver flatware as the result of a break and enter on a 6 Line residence in Hornby, Nov. 27.

Sunglass shoplifter

Wanting a pair of sunglasses at no cost has brought a charge of shoplifting against a Toronto man after the 24 year old was caught at the Zellers store in Georgetown, Nov. 27.

Trailer disconnected

A trailer which had become disconnected from the 1976 Chevrolet pulling it hit a 1975 Ford on Church Street in Acton causing an estimated \$500 in damages to the Ford.

The trailer was then reconnected to the Chevrolet which then left the scene, Friday morning.

Driver rolls car

An 18 year old Georgetown youth escaped with minimal injuries after the 1982 Mercury he was driving rolled when he apparently tried to avoid an animal on Trafalgar Road north of 5 Sideroad.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$3,000 and another \$500 in estimated damages were done to the lawn he wound up on, in the early Sunday morning accident.

The driver has been charged with careless driving by Halton regional police.

Car smashed \$10 damage

The passenger door window to a 1978 Volvo was smashed causing an estimated \$100 in damages while it was parked at the Georgetown GO station, Nov. 27.

A basement window of a residence was broken on Delrex Boulevard causing about \$10 in damage, Nov. 27.

THEY'RE APPRECIATED



Awards were handed out last Tuesday night by the Georgetown Optimists for Youth Appreciation Week. Nominees were chosen from various schools in the area and a panel of judges narrowed it down to five worthy recipients. Mayor Russ Miller and Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy helped to make the presentations to: (front row, left to right) Vicki Hughes, Centennial P.S., Trudy Shield, GDHS - senior overall winner; (back, left to right) Charlie Gibbs, GDHS, Erin Hughes, Holy Cross S.S. - junior overall winner (brother Michael accepted award), Glen McCaughy, GDHS.

At the region

\$7,000 study for studies

By ANI FEDERIAN
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Taxpayers have forked over \$3.8 million for studies commissioned by the region from 1976 to 1983.

In fact, a study costing \$7,674 had to be undertaken by the region to unearth this spending.

Recently, regional councillors asked for an inventory of all the regional studies done during that eight year time span.

Research by their department representatives showed that a total of 132 studies had been completed, working out to an average of 16.5 studies a year.

In gross costs, each study cost the taxpayer an average \$27,560. That was pared down to about \$18,450 per study when government grants or other monies received toward the studies were taken into account.

The majority of the studies - 84 of them - were done for the region's public works department. That department had 84 studies to its name, running up a net bill to the region of \$1.7 million.

Seventeen per cent of the studies, or 22 of them, were done for the region's planning department, and they had a net cost of \$475,500.

The finance department had 12 studies completed during those years, and they cost the region a net \$29,056; and the Chief Administrator's Office had five studies which cost a net \$93,000.

Surprising, social services only had four studies. They came with a net bill of \$49,351.

A chart in the inventory shows how the price of studies have escalated. Thirteen studies cost the public works department \$73,100 in 1977. In 1983, 13 studies cost the same department \$167,750. Of course the studies may not be equivalent in work required.

At last week's administration and finance meeting, regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo said about a half million dollars have been spent for studies this year.

The inventory took them 380 hours to complete.

Land isn't zoned

A slip of the pen by a graphic artist has meant the town has a parcel of property with no zoning. The unzoned land was discovered thanks to a land division application by William Acri whose 105 acres are located on Lots 29 and 30 in Concession 3.

Director's positional paper

Suggests one central body for separate, public schools

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

A position paper released Saturday in Halton suggests Ontario needs one central governing body to be responsible for separate and public school education.

Developed by the directors of public boards of education, the paper concerns the extension of funding to separate schools.

At the Saturday meeting, Halton Board of Education trustees discussed the paper, with some speaking out in favor of its findings.

A motion to accept the report will be made Dec. 13 at which time it can then be sent to the minister of education.

The positional paper will also be sent to three Ontario government commissions studying extension, independent schools and funding.

The director of every public board of education is presenting the paper to their respective boards and asking for an endorsement.

The paper says, "In 1867, the B.N.A. Act gave Roman Catholics specific rights in education. The Premier's statement on June 12 extended those rights and the next logical step is to extend those rights to everyone."

Some of the issues to be resolved are funding, governance, designation of taxes, facilities, complexity of implementation and several other issues which are complex and may not be easily resolved, the paper indicates.

The paper also asks for a lengthening of the government's timetable for implementation because of the unresolved issues. It stated that such a major change in government policy was announced with no consultation to the Boards of Education.

The positional paper asks the premier to develop a strategic plan that would place an umbrella educational governing body responsible for the governance of elementary and secondary educational services.

Through this one umbrella governing body the directors believe many of the concerns and issues could be entirely resolved at a local level.

"In order to allow for debates on the merits of such a proposal, we would encourage the government to defer initiation of implementation and to allow for consultation and sound planning in order to avoid major mistakes," the paper says.

If the Halton Board of Education supports the paper a copy is expected to be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Education and the MPPs representing Halton.

TV Time
The average 6 to 11-year-old spends over 25 hours a week watching television, according to a Nielsen study.

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- C** Calendars & Cards, Canadian Fairy Tales (Eva Martin), Canadian Literary Landmarks (John Robert Colombo), Cookbook Complete book of M*A*S*H
- D** Dungeons & Dragons, Day in the Life of Canada, Road Dahl, Robertson Davies
- E** Emma (Jane Austen)
- F** Friendship Book, Children's Books in French, Dick Francis
- G** Giles, Grandparents' Book, Get Smart (Lyman McInnis), Granny's Gang (Katherine McKeever), Glen Loates: A Brush with Life, Gardening
- H** James Herriot, Herman, History, Harrowsmith, Don Heron
- I** Iacocca (Lee Iacocca)
- J** Joy of Quilting (Laurie Swim), Just a Snowy Day (Marcer Mayer), Erica Jong, Carol Jackson (Color Me Beautiful), Joanne Kates' Cookbook
- K** Kids' Cat Book (Owl Magazine), Kids' Dog Book (Owl Magazine)
- L** Lizzy's Lions (Dennis Lee), Robert Ludlum
- M** Microwave Cookbooks, Muffin Mania, Maple Leaf Route: Antwerp (T. Copp, Canadians in WW2), Mexico Set (Len Deighton), Mysteries
- N** Nature, NHL Hockey, 1984-85 (Brian McFarlane), New Kit Williams, Not Wanted on the Voyage (Timothy Findley), Night Before Christmas
- O** Owl Winter Fun Activities, the Outdoors, Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature, Our Wildlife Annual, Ontario Bicentennial Tribute
- P** Peter Rabbit, Pirates & Outlaws of Canada (Harold Horwood), The Pope in Canada, PO: Levesque & the Paril Quebecois (Graham Fraser), Promised Land (Pierre Berton), Photography
- Q** Quilting
- R** Royal Visit to Canada, Records, References, Rupert, Railways, Rogel's Thesaurus
- S** Sea of Slaughter (Farley Mowat), Since Daisy Creek (W.O. Mitchell), Sixty Years (History of RCAF), Sports, Kathy Stinson
- T** Teddy Bear Books & Calendars, Tallman (Stephen King & Peter Straub), Tennis (Eric Nicol), Tiger (Tiger Williams), Tapes
- U** Peter Ustinov
- V** Voice of the Pioneer, Vol. 2 (Bill McNeil)
- W** Winners (Best of Bridge Cookbook), Woodworking, Weight Watchers, World of Canadian Wines (John Schreiner)
- X** Our Annual "Spot Prize": \$30.00 of free books for the first correct solution to this question. In which well-known author's memoirs of youthful Christmases are the following Useless Presents fondly recalled? ... many coloured jelly babies and a folded flag and a false nose and a train conductor's cap and a machine that punched tickets and...
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- Z** Larry Zoff, Henry Zimmer (Canadian Tax & Investment Guide)

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